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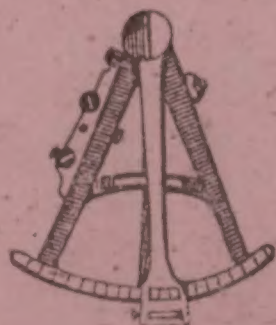
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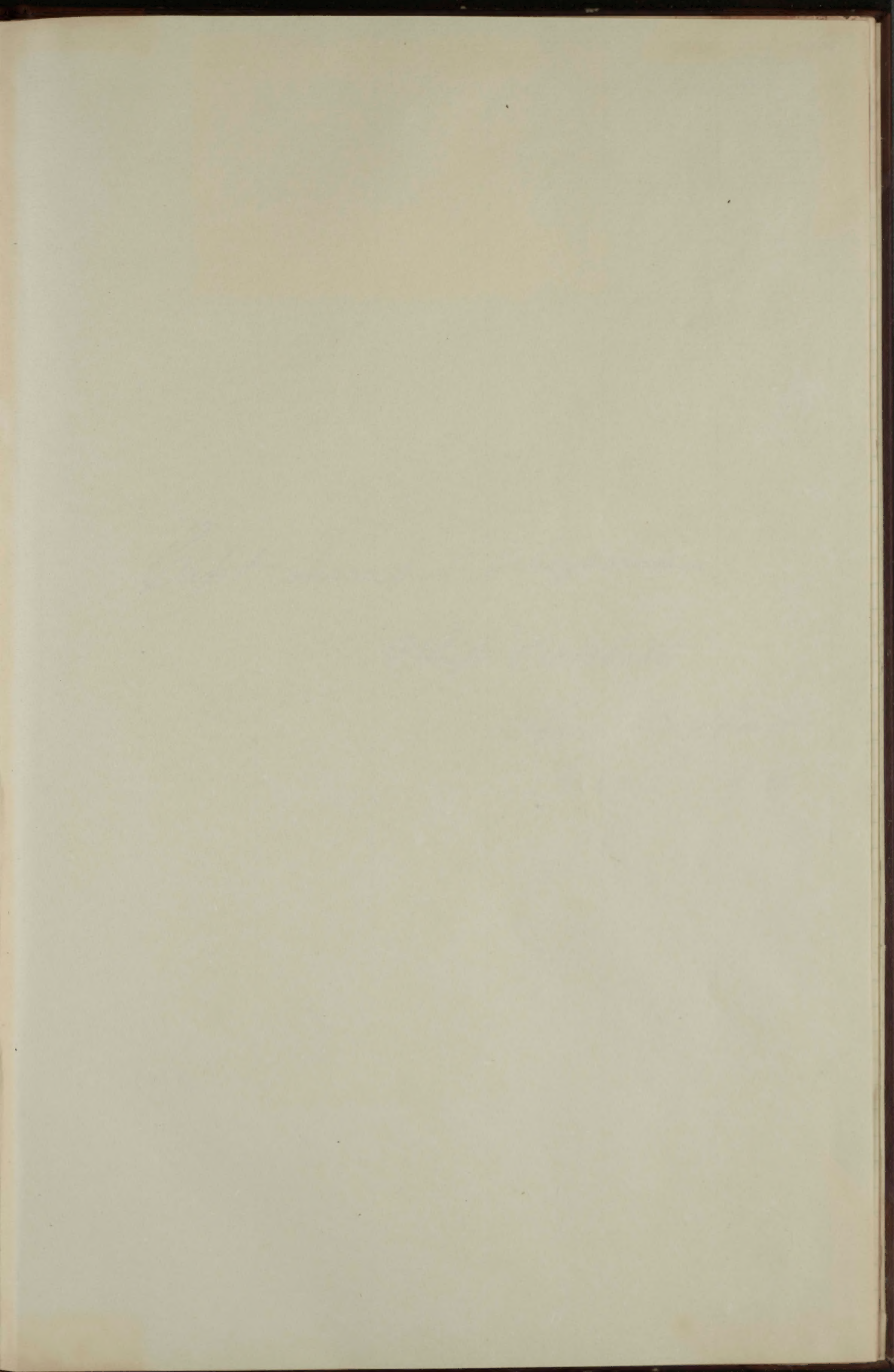


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Ship "Contest"

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# Journal of Voyage in Ship Contest

1868  
Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Sailed from New Bedford on a Whaling voyage to the South Atlantic Ocean

Dec 27<sup>th</sup> Lat 39.50 Lon 39.51 West

Saw a School of Sperm whales. Lowered and chased them without success toward sunset the second mate got near enough to dart at me but did not fasten. the whales going direct to the E & E. Monate breezes from West with a very bad sea. have had but one day good whaling weather since leaving home. have had heavy gales nearly all the time

Feb 6<sup>th</sup>  
Jan 30<sup>th</sup> Crossed the Line

Feb 1869 7<sup>th</sup> Jammed with Ship Sirih Perry  
8<sup>th</sup> Lat 19.30 S Lon 36.25 W Saw Sperm Whales Chased all day without success

Mar 6<sup>th</sup> Lat 39.20 Lon 55.04 Off Cape Corrientes  
Saw Sperm Whales going quick to the S E  
Chased but did not get near them  
many tide Rips and plenty of birds and fish and Porpoises hereabouts

Apr 16<sup>th</sup> Arrived at Port Stanley, Falkland Is

Apr 30<sup>th</sup> Left Port Stanley

May 15<sup>th</sup> Arrived at Goughs Island sent the Boat in Saw nothing

May 25<sup>th</sup> Have had the boat in shore several times but have seen nothing



1869

## Goughs Island

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Have been to Loutan d Achuna  
was about that Island 3 or 4 days  
had bad weather and not land  
Got back to Goughs Island to day  
sent one boat in this afternoon  
to get some fish

June 4<sup>th</sup> Sent two boats in to day to see if  
there was any Whales and get some  
fish about 2 P.M. the second mate  
saw two Whales and struck one  
of them Got the whale alongside about  
dark Have had good weather to day

5<sup>th</sup> Last night and to day Blowing hard  
from W and S.W. this morning hooked  
on to the whale and tried to cut to  
Leeward, but the ship was so uneasy  
worked until about noon, but every  
thing went wrong, so gave it up and  
were ship. in wearing parted my  
Large New Hawser, but the Belly  
chain caught the whale fluke and  
held the whale until we got our  
best fluke chain on

6<sup>th</sup> Last night Blowing a moderate  
gale from N.W. at midnight the  
fluke chain parted and away went  
the whale with a fine chain and about  
half a fluke chain to day Blowing  
a heavy gale from N

7<sup>th</sup> Blowing a Gale from N.W.

8<sup>th</sup> Moderate Gale from N.W.  
heaving to the weatherward main close  
reefed topsails

9<sup>th</sup> Moderate Gale from N.W.

10<sup>th</sup> Moderate Gale from N.W.



## Gough Island

- 1869  
 June 10<sup>th</sup> Moderate weather Wind in Forenoon from the W steering for the Island Afternoon strong Breeze and heavy rain storm
- June 12<sup>th</sup> Light wind and calm early this morning sent 3 Boats in shore saw 3 Whales so calm could not strike Evening strong breeze from N.N.E
- June 13<sup>th</sup> Blowing a Gale from N.N.E with rain
- June 14<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from N.N.W three boats in shore saw nothing
- June 15<sup>th</sup> Wind W to W with good weather Saw 6 Three boats in shore all day Whales Saw 5 or 6 Whales could not strike
- June 16 Blowing a gale from N to N.W with a good deal of rain in the forenoon afternoon clear
- June 17 Blowing a gale from W.N.W
- June 18 Blowing a gale from S.W.
- June 19 Forenoon good weather Afternoon Blowing a gale from N.N.W with rain Three Boats in shore in the forenoon saw 2 Whales
- June 20<sup>th</sup> Blowing a stiff gale from W.S.W
- June 21 Forenoon pretty good weather with the wind at N.N.W at daylight sent 3 boats in shore. Saw 3 Whales about 1 P.M. the Waik boat struck got the whale got one along side about 5 P.M. got supper and commenced cutting
- June 22 Wind W Good weather forenoon finished cutting lost the Head. afternoon good weather



## 1869 Goughs Island

- June 23 Blowing a stiff Gale from N  
with rain and fog
- June 24 Heavy Gale from N W  
afternoon moderated a little  
Started the works
- June 25<sup>th</sup> Blowing a moderate gale from  
W. S. W. with a bad sea. Employed  
boiling the Island in sight  
bearing W N W distant 15 miles  
Ship on the Northern tack
- June 26<sup>th</sup> Forenoon Calm afternoon Light breeze  
from N E. Evening strong breeze with  
rain. finished Boiling
- June 27<sup>th</sup> Last night Blowing a gale from N N E  
with rain. Forenoon strong breeze  
from N. N. W
- June 28 Forenoon Stiff Gale from N W  
Afternoon Blowing a heavy Gale from W  
Employed Stowing down the Whale meat  
about 90 bbls
- June 29 Forenoon Moderate breezes from W with  
a very bad sea running the Island in  
sight bearing W S W distant 25 miles  
Afternoon strong breeze from W
- June 30 Moderate Gale with rain Wind N  
Saw 4 3 Boats in shore all day Saw 4  
Whales the weather so bad could do  
nothing
- July 1<sup>st</sup> Stiff Gale with rain from N  
Ship under close reefed main top sail
- July 2 Moderate Gale from N N E with fog  
and rain
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> Moderate Gale from N with fog  
and rain



## 1869 Gough Island

- July 4<sup>th</sup> Blowing a gale from S W with rain and fog the Island in sight bearing E N E distant 25 miles
- July 5<sup>th</sup> Blowing a gale from W S W with heavy rain and hail squalls the Island in sight bearing S E by S
- July 6<sup>th</sup> Blowing a moderate Gale from S W with frequent hail squalls
- July 7<sup>th</sup> Forenoon Light air from W with cloudy weather afternoon strong breeze from N at dusk the Island in sight bearing S distant 15 miles
- July 8<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from W with clear weather at 10 A M sent the Boats in the afternoon saw two Whales, no success in striking
- Saw 2 Whales
- July 9<sup>th</sup> Last night strong breezes from W kept the ship close to the Island, and at 7 1/2 A M sent the boat in, saw 4 Whales got near enough to dart at one of them
- Saw 4 Whales
- July 10<sup>th</sup> Last night light air and calms this morning the Island distant 10 miles Forenoon Moderate breeze from W with thick fog, beating up towards the land at 12 1/2 M sent the boats in. Saw two Whales this boat had one missed
- Saw 2 Whales had one missed
- July 11<sup>th</sup> Strong breeze through the night Forenoon blowing a gale from N the Island in sight bearing S distant about 8 miles Afternoon a heavy Gale from W S W ran the ship to the Leeward of the Island and then hove to
- July 12 Forenoon Strong breeze from S W with bad sea Steering N W for the Island at 1 P M sent the Boats in Saw 4 Whales got on and got one kill alongside about 8 P M dead calm all the afternoon at 9 PM strong breeze from W
- Saw 4 Whales got one



# 1869 Loughs Island

- July 13<sup>th</sup> Blowing a gale from N with rain finished cutting about 10 AM lost the Head. I never saw a whale cut in such a rough time. The last half of the Body we cut in across the deck. Being afraid of crippling the Main Mast
- July 14<sup>th</sup> Moderate breezes from North had sea running Employed hoisting Ship under double reefs and Foresail
- July 15<sup>th</sup> Moderate gale from N N W with bad sea Employed hoisting Ship under double main & foresail and close reefed Fore and Mizen & foresail
- July 16<sup>th</sup> Fresh Gale from N with heavy sea Ship under double reefed Main & foresail and Storm sails Employed hoisting have been hoisted 48 hours and have turned up 30 ft Afternoon rain cooled down at 5 PM Started the works again
- July 17<sup>th</sup> Moderate breezes from S W with some rain Steering N W by N Employed stowing down
- July 18 Strong breezes from N E to S E carrying all sail beating up the Island on light bearing E by N distant about 40 miles
- July 19<sup>th</sup> Last night the wind freshened to a gale from S E have too much close reefed Main & foresail Forenoon blowing a moderate gale from S with fog and rain afternoon wind S W the weather cleared up the Island in sight bearing E S E distant 20 miles



# 1869 Goughs Island

- July 20<sup>th</sup> Moderate breezy from different points this morning the Island bearing to S to distant 10 miles sent the boat in shore. Bow boat struck a small whale got him alongside about 9 AM and finished cutting about 1 PM
- Saw 1 Whale got him
- July 21<sup>st</sup> Moderate breezy from S to W with good weather at 8 AM sent the boat in shore. Saw 3 or 4 Whales but did not succeed in striking
- Saw 3 Whales
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> Blowing a moderate gale from N W at 10 AM sent two boats in shore. at 3 PM the Larboard boat struck a whale got him alongside about 4 PM put on the large Hawser and the small cable and took the Topsails, too rough to cut. Saw two Whales
- Saw 2 Whales got one
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> Blowing a stiff gale from N W with fog and rain. The ship under Fore and Main Spencers and Fore Top Mast Staysail the Whale lying quite easy alongside
- July 24<sup>th</sup> Moderate through the night this morning it breezes on again at 6 AM commenced cutting tried to cut to leeward but could do nothing more around again and cut to windward. finished cutting about 4 PM, saved the Head. never saw a Whale cut in, in so rough a sea. Blowing a gale from N with rain
- July 25<sup>th</sup> Blowing a gale from W N W with a very heavy sea. ship under Spencer, and 6 Top Mast Staysail



# 1869 Loughs Island

- July 26<sup>th</sup> Moderate breezes from W at daylight commenced boiling, pretty good weather during the day
- July 27<sup>th</sup> Blowing a moderate gale from N during the forenoon with rain and fog afternoon Wind W with pretty good weather bad sea running
- July 28<sup>th</sup> Wind W during the night with frequent rain squalls. with bad sea Forenoon continuing the same very bad weather to boil Ship under close reefed Mains & J. Sail
- July 29<sup>th</sup> Moderate breezes from S W with rain squalls Stowed down 116 bbls oil finished boiling at daylight
- July 30 This morning Strong breeze from N E at 8 A M sent the boat in at 10 A M the wind had increased to a gale called the boat aboard blowing hard until 7 P M when the wind moderated rained hard all the afternoon
- July 31<sup>st</sup> Moderate Gale from N with rain at 8 A M sent two boats in shore at 11 A M the weather had got to be so bad that I called them aboard Saw two Whales
- Aug 1<sup>st</sup> Moderate Gale from N with some rain, a very bad sea running Ship under close reefed J. Sails the weather thick and hazy have not seen the Island today
- Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> Forenoon Moderate breezes from S W at 10 A M sent two boats in shore Afternoon Blowing a Gale from N W at 4 P M the boat came on board Saw one Whale going quick



1869 Goughs Island

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> Blowing a stiff Gale through the night from N W ship under close reefed topsails this forenoon the wind moderated. Some Afternoon Strong breezes from N W with very heavy sea

Aug 4<sup>th</sup> Moderate Gale from W S W with heavy snow and hail squalls ship under close reefed topsails

Aug 5<sup>th</sup> Moderate Gale from W S W with frequent squalls ship under storm sails the Island in sight bearing S S W distant 20 miles

Aug 6<sup>th</sup> Last night Good weather Made sail and steered for the Island at 3 AM the wind hauled to N and commenced to rain. Forenoon blowing hard from N with fog and rain at 10 AM the wind hauled to N W and cleared off afternoon Strong breezes from N W the Island bearing S E distant 10 miles Ship under close reefed topsails

Aug 7<sup>th</sup> Forenoon Wind E with fog and rain afternoon Wind N E cleared off at 1 PM. Saw 8 or 10 sent 3 boats in shore. Larboard boat Whales struck and parted. Bow boat struck and turned the whale up and sank him parted from the waist. Boat struck and fastened and drew slightly. sent a loose whale off from one of our killing their blood

Aug 8<sup>th</sup> Forenoon blowing a moderate Gale from N with fog and rain afternoon blowing a stiff Gale from N S W sailing off to leeward of the Island and home to



# 1868 Lough Island

Aug 9<sup>th</sup> Forenoon Wind S W with good  
 Sailed 2 weather at 9 AM sent 3 boats  
 Whales in shore. Afternoon light airs  
 struck one and calms. Whisk boat struck  
 and sunk him turned the Whale up and sunk him

Aug 10<sup>th</sup> Forenoon Moderate breezes from N W  
 clear & with good weather sent the boats in at  
 Whales 8 AM Afternoon blowing hard from  
 N W with rain at 5 PM called the  
 boats on board. Saw 8 or 10 Whales

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> Blowing a pale east night from N W W  
 with fog and rain at 10 AM moderate  
 and the wind shifted to S W at 2 PM  
 cleared off the Island in sight hearing  
 distant about 15 miles made sail  
 to work up Wind N W

Aug 12<sup>th</sup> Moderate breezes from N W with  
 light in good weather at 2 PM sent the  
 Sea fishing boat in shore Saw nothing

Aug 13<sup>th</sup> Forenoon and last night blowing  
 a gale from N E with fog and  
 rain Afternoon Wind N still blowing  
 hard

Aug 14<sup>th</sup> Blowing a hard gale from N N W  
 with heavy sea running afternoon  
 lost the Whisk boat off the cramp

Aug 15<sup>th</sup> Stiff Gale from N W with  
 very heavy sea

Aug 16<sup>th</sup> Heavy Gale from N W with very  
 heavy sea

Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Moderate breezes from W with a  
 bad sea running. Made sail  
 steering N by W



# 1869 Goughs Island

Aug 18<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from N & E with cloudy weather. Ship heading N & W under Ayable reefed Topsails. Course Lat 41-33. Trying to get back to the Island

Aug 19<sup>th</sup> Moderate breezes from S & W with good weather at 10 A M got back to the Island and sent the boats in. Saw 4 Whales could not strike. Found a Dutch Brig here from Cape Town and St. Helena with supplies for the party on shore

Aug 20<sup>th</sup> Moderate breezes from S & E with fine weather sent the boats in early this morning. Saw 3 Whales could not strike. The Brig is at anchor in the light in 16 Fathoms water

Aug 21<sup>st</sup> Moderate Gale from N & E at 7 A M the boat went in. they stopped in the light for an hour or two when it got to be too rough to stop there. so they went around to leeward of the Island at 4 P M the boats came on board. Saw no Whales but brought on board 16 Fur Seal the Brig left last night

Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> Stiff Gale from N & E with fog and rain. Ship under storm sails heading N & W

Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> Moderate breezes from W with good weather at 12 M sent the boats in shore. Saw 4 Whales. One boat struck after Whales being fast a while. got store had to cut. Struck one got line lost the Whale got the storen boat stuck to cut aboard about 5 P M

Aug 24<sup>th</sup> Blowing hard from N & W sent the boats in at 9 A M at 12 M the boats came on board. the weather being too bad to go in near the land. the whales came near capsizing the boats. Afternoon thick fog with rain



## 1869 Loughs Island

Aug 25<sup>th</sup> Moderate breezes from S E with good weather at 8 A M senty the two boats in saw two Whales. Struck one and sunk him in about 10 fathoms. Striking water the whale sunk both sunk so heavy that three boats could not anchor just to get him up. could not get the large one to the ship. so they anchored him and got the with two boats anchoring. shortly after small one struck the other whale and got him alongside at 4 P M finished cutting at 6 1/2 P M this is a small whale will probably make 35 or 40 bbls the whale they sunk is a 100 bbl whale

Aug 26<sup>th</sup> Blowing a hard gale from N E with rain and fog sent off to Lough of the Island and have too much to lose reefed Main & foresail

Aug 27<sup>th</sup> Still blowing hard from N E with heavy squalls with hail and rain

Aug 28<sup>th</sup> Light breezes from N E with good weather. got back to the Island and Whales got our Whale alongside and commenced cutting at 3 1/2 P M

Aug 29<sup>th</sup> Light air and calms with good weather boats in shore all day saw nothing

Aug 30<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from S E with some rain boats in saw nothing

Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Moderate gale from N E with fog and rain ship under cloverleaf. M Lofraile

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Moderate breezes from N E with thick weather. at 7 A M were ship and under sail and stood N by W to try and find the Island.



- 1869  
 Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> Strong breezes from S E with  
 fog and rain did not see Goughs  
 Island yesterday. so shaped a  
 course for Tristan d Achuna  
 at 4 P M took on sail the weather  
 being thick and rainy
- Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> Strong breezes from N with good  
 weather
- Sept 4<sup>th</sup> Moderate breezes from W N W  
 with good weather this afternoon  
 passed Inaccessible saw nothing  
 at Oark here to between Inaccessible  
 and Tristan
- Sept 5<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes from W N W  
 this forenoon ran along the Island  
 of Tristan close in ran half way  
 around the Island saw nothing too  
 rough to land afternoon blowing  
 hard from N W hove too on the  
 northern tack under storm sail
- Sept 6<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes with heavy squalls  
 from W ship under close reefed  
 the topsail and Spencers.
- Sept 7 Moderate Galeys from W with cloudy  
 weather ship under short sail  
 employed stowing down
- Sept 8 Moderate Galeys from S W with  
 heavy squalls ship under double  
 reefed topsails Lat 34° 17'
- Sept 9 Light airs and calms
- Sept 10 Light breezes from W to S W
- Sept 11 Light breezes from N W to S W  
 with fine weather



## 1879 Ship Contact

- Sept 12 Light breeze from  $\text{N} \text{ N} \text{ W}$  to  $\text{W} \text{ S} \text{ W}$  with fine weather ship under all sail
- Sept 13<sup>th</sup> Lat 30.00 Lon 20.13  $\text{W}$   
Light gins and calms with fine weather saw 1 Linbark
- Sept 14 Lat 30.45 Lon 21.31  
Strong breezes from  $\text{N} \text{ W}$  with good weather ship going  $\text{W} \text{ S} \text{ W}$
- Sept 15 Moderate breezes from  $\text{S}$  with good weather carrying all sail steering  $\text{W}$  by  $\text{N}$  saw three large ships steering to the eastward
- Sept 16 Moderate breezes from  $\text{E}$  with good weather steering  $\text{W}$  by  $\text{N}$   
Lat 31.43 Lon 27.00
- Sept 17 Strong breezes from  $\text{N} \text{ N} \text{ W}$  with cloudy weather and some rain
- Sept 18 Lat 32.00 Lon 33.19  
Strong breezes from  $\text{S} \text{ S} \text{ W}$  with good weather. steering  $\text{W}$  by  $\text{N}$
- Sept 19 Moderate breezes from  $\text{E}$  with good weather steering  $\text{W}$  by  $\text{N}$
- Sept 20 Moderate breezes from  $\text{N} \text{ E}$  with cloudy weather steering  $\text{W}$  by  $\text{N}$
- Sept 21 Light breezes from  $\text{N}$  with fog and rain Lat 30.35
- Sept 22 Light breezes from  $\text{W}$  with thick weather ship on the northern tack
- Sept 23<sup>d</sup> Strong breezes from  $\text{S} \text{ E}$  with thick weather steering  $\text{N} \text{ W}$  by  $\text{W}$   
saw 3 sails



# Ship's Journal

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Sept 24 Lat 27° 50 Lon 46° 38  
 Light breezes from S E with good weather, but a bad sea running  
 saw a school of at 6 1/2 A M, raised Sperm Whales  
 got breakfast and lowered. The mate  
 got one struck a 50 blb whale and got store  
 got the whale alongside and commenced  
 cutting at 1 P M, there were quite a  
 number of Whales in the school. They  
 were going N E

Sept 25 Lat 27° 40 Lon 46° 30  
 Light breezes from S E with good  
 weather, cleared away the head and  
 started the work, saw nothing  
 Strong tide rips head on to

Sept 26 Lat 27° 40 Lon 46° 23  
 Fresh breezes from N E with fine  
 weather saw several finbacks and  
 some Killers. Employed boiling

Sept 27 Lat 27° 15 Lon 46° 50  
 Moderate breezes from E N E with  
 good weather. Steaming N W saw  
 nothing

Sept 28 Lat 28° 11 Lon 47° 04  
 Strong breezes from N E with  
 good weather. Steaming S saw  
 nothing

Sept 29 Strong breezes from N E with thick  
 weather. Stowed 50 blbs Sperm Oil

Sept 30 Strong breezes from N E with  
 thick weather saw nothing

Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Moderate breezes from N E with  
 hazy weather. in the afternoon  
 raised the land stood in within  
 20 miles and were off



## 1869 Coast of Brazil

Oct 2 Light airs and calms this morning at daylight the land astant about 8 miles call it the mirade of the Island of St Catharines bent the chains and got the anchors off the Bow

Oct 3<sup>d</sup> Last night had a good breeze from S for two or three hours after that Light airs and calms, at dark saw the Light on the south end of St Catharines bearing S W this forenoon calm afternoon a moderate breeze from N E beating up along the land have seen quite a number of Humpbacks today

Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Strong breeze from N N E arrived beating up along the land, and at 4 1/2 PM came to anchor in St Catharines the Bay of St Catharines in 5 Fathoms water. Saw several Humpbacks today

Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Forenoon wind light from S W afternoon Strong breeze from E at 5 AM got under weigh and left Santa Cruz met the Barque George coming in. I have heard a great deal of trouble in St Catharines having lost 7 men and the fourth Mate by Desertion, can not get any thing in the way of recruits at this season of the year except some Laro

Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Lat 34.16 Lon 49.10 Since leaving Port have had head winds and calms nearly all the time until to day when we got a good breeze from S W with fine weather at 10 AM got one raised 3 Sprm Whales and lowered and got one to the Larkhead Boat



1869 Coast of Brazil

Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Finished cutting and started the works

Nov 8<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with the wind E & E Steering S W saw nothing

Nov 9<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with the wind E & E Steering S W weather easy sail saw nothing

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Lat 36.20 Lon 53.15  
Moderate breeze from N E with fine weather Steering S W saw nothing. Struck the edge of warm water this afternoon

Nov 13<sup>th</sup> Finished Stowing & stowed down the whale stowed down 20 H G

Nov 16 Lat 39.00 Lon 57.20  
Strong breeze from S E with good weather. at 2 P M raised a Right Whale lower in and the Bow Boat struck. got the whale hauled up about 5 P M. the whale sunk heavy, so that the boats could not hold him up took the line to the ship but there being a heavy gale springing the line 2000 fathoms broke the lead and found 45 fathoms water.

Nov 23 In St. Georges Bay on the South side ran the shore down with the boats about 30 miles saw one Humpback

Nov 30 / Lat 49.15-  
Saw 3 Off Port St. Julian about 25 miles Whales off shore saw 3 Right Whales got one off with boat struck and got one Saw a Bark to the Southwest Whaling



# 1864 Patagonia

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Lat 50.20

Saw 1 Whale  
Saw one Right Whale about 25 miles off shore Mount Entrance bearing N W by compass lowered for the whale but did not succeed in striking. the whale was shooting about first one way then the other

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> Lat 50.22

Wind from S W to N with fine weather Saw nothing the land in sight about 30 miles off  
Stowed down 100 bbls oil in the after hold

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Lat 50.15 Lon about 57.00

Saw 3 Whales  
Saw 2 Whales got one and cut him it being quite rough and the piece got one tearing lost the head.

Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Lat 49.45 Lon 56.20

Saw 1 Whale  
Saw one Whale. saw him three times  
Whale and did not see him again. did not lower

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Moderate Gale from SSW

Stowed down 100 bbls oil  
have had bad weather for the last five days

Dec 19 Lat 50.14

Saw 2 Whales  
The Land in sight about 30 miles distant Saw 2 Whales lowered and killed them Fine weather

Dec 20 Lat 50.12 Lon 57.36

Saw 1 Whale  
The Land about 25 miles distant  
Saw 1 Whale going S E very quick  
Did not lower



# Patagonia

1869

Dec 21 This morning in Lat 50..30 The Land  
Distant about 30 miles saw one Whale  
going quick to the S & did not lower  
Saw 1 Whale afternoon Lat 51..10 Lon 67..45  
Strong breeze from S & wind rough

Dec 23<sup>d</sup> Lat 50..40 The Land Distant about  
20 miles saw 2 Whales a Cow and calf  
Saw 2 Whales got the Cow killed the calf but did  
not take it

Dec 31 Lat 50..42 The Land Distant 30 miles  
Saw 1 Whale going quick to the S & did  
not lower

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Jan 1 Lat 51..10 The Land Distant 30 miles  
Saw 2 Whales going quick to the S  
Saw 2 Whales lowered but did not get near them  
broke fair weather in sight

Jan 9<sup>th</sup> Lat 51..00 The Land Distant 30 miles  
Saw 1 Whale lowered and got him  
Whale finished cutting at 6 P M

Jan 10 Lat 50..30 The Land Distant 25 miles  
Saw 3 Whales lowered and the Lurboin  
Saw 3 boat soon struck got one iron in, and  
Whales the other iron soon cut the line. The  
got one Irish boat soon struck another one  
Finished cutting about 11 P M

Jan 15 Lat 51..33 The Land Distant about 35  
miles saw 1 Whale lowered and got  
Saw 1 him. commenced cutting about 7 P M  
Whale finished cutting about 1 A M  
got him



## 1878 Ship "Contest" Patagonia

Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Lat 52.37 Lon 67.00

Saw 1 Saw 1 Small Whale Landed and  
 Whale got him. Finished cutting at 8 1/2 P.M.  
 Got him

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Lat 50.57 Lon 67.47

Saw 3 Saw 3 Whales quite still got one  
 Whales to the Larboard Boat Finished  
 got one cutting at 9 P.M.

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Lat 50.57 Lon 67.53

Saw 2 Whales Whisk Boat struck  
 just before sunset held on until  
 after dark. and cut the whale then  
 being nearly dead Blowing hard  
 from N with some fog

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Lat 50.53 Lon 67.56

Saw 1 Saw 1 Whale Landed and got him  
 Whale took him alongside about sunset  
 got him did not hook on to cut

Feb 14 Saw 2 Whales Landed but did not  
 succeed in stripping. Blowing hard  
 from N N E

Feb 20 Have not seen any whales since  
 the 14<sup>th</sup> and have had bad  
 weather nearly all the time since  
 the 4<sup>th</sup> so I have decided that  
 it is about time to leave

Mar 21 Arrived at St Catharines have  
 seen nothing since leaving Patagonia

Mar 29 Sailed from St. Catharines Left the  
 A or Tucker there 110 bbls sperm oil this  
 season



























